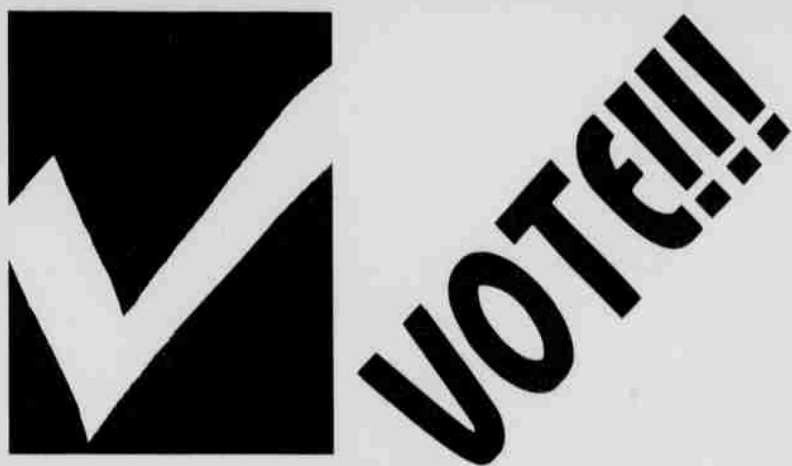


# Candidates Statements Coming July 1



**Tribal Council  
Elections — Saturday,  
September 6, 2003**

## Cemetery Maintenance Caretakers

The general maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery is taken care of by our cemetery caretakers, Russ Leno and Gene LaBonte. Russ and Gene would like to bring a couple of things to the attention of our membership.

1. Do not use glass containers for placement of plants or flowers at grave sites. They sometimes get broken (water in them in freezing weather causes them to break) and create a mess.
2. We wanted to remind everyone that the care and upkeep of grave sites has always been the responsibility of the family of the deceased. We know that some families have different beliefs about their family grave sites and we want to respect that.
3. If anyone can identify an unmarked grave site at the cemetery please contact the cemetery at 503-879-5525.
4. Please remember when you call the cemetery that the caretakers may not answer the phone. Part of the day they are outside taking care of the grounds. Please leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope this will help everyone to better understand our process at the cemetery. Thank you.

Please remember that the care of our loved ones burial sites are the responsibility of the family.



**Rick Is A Star** — Pop Music Star Rick Springfield still inspires the crowds, especially the ladies, as was evident at his performance at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde on Thursday, May 8. Springfield, who reached the height of his musical fame in the 1980s and even starred as a doctor on the Soap Opera General Hospital, showed off his charisma and talent to an appreciative crowd and even stopped to sign autographs for his devoted fans.

Photos by Peta Tinda



## MEMBER BENEFIT FUND DISTRIBUTION \$850 SCHEDULED TO BE MAILED ON JUNE 23

The Tribal Council plans to allocate **\$850.00** to each member through the Member Benefit Program. **A portion of the distribution will be taxable income. If you have any questions regarding the taxability, please call 1-800-422-0232 extension 1309.** For those eligible, withdrawal requests received in our offices by **June 6, 2003** will generate checks to be mailed on **June 23, 2003**. Withdrawal requests post marked June 6, 2003, **WILL NOT** meet the deadline, they must be in our offices by that date.

### UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CHECKS BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICES.

Checks will be mailed to the address on the withdrawal form. Once the application is received, the address **for the check** will not be able to be changed. If you have a change of address, all other mail will go to your new address. If you need the check to go somewhere other than the address on the form, please go to the post office in your area and have your mail forwarded.

You will be receiving a withdrawal form this issue regarding this distribution. Also, there is a withdrawal form in *Smoke Signals* in upcoming issues that you may use. **These forms may be faxed or mailed into the offices.** This will be the only payment date for the month of June. If you have a balance in your account, you may request that on this withdrawal form along with the 2003 allocation. If you choose not to make a withdrawal at this time, or miss the June 6th deadline, the next payment date will be July 15, 2003. In order to be mailed a check on July 15, you must have your application to us no later than July 3, 2003.

Due to the overwhelming amount of calls regarding verification of receiving the forms in the offices, you will need to mail it **"return receipt requested"** if you want verification of arrival. Ask your local postmaster for assistance with this service.

The total Member Benefit Program allocation for 2003 is \$850.00 for each member.

Please call 1-800-759-4814 to receive information regarding the distribution or if you did not receive a withdrawal form, you may request one. This message service will be checked daily. If you have any questions regarding the application process or your beneficiary, you can contact Liz Leno at 1-800-422-0232, extension 2082, or Amy Whisler at extension 2223. With any other questions, contact Chris Leno at 1-800-422-0232, extension 2340.

## MEMBER BENEFIT WITHDRAWAL FORM JUNE 23, 2003 DISTRIBUTION

**NOTE: CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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1) Tribal member Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

3) Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

4) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN # \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

5) Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Requests for withdrawals must be received in our office by **JUNE 6, 2003** for approval and processing.
- Checks will be mailed out beginning **JUNE 23, 2003**.
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CHECKS BE PICKED UP AT OFFICES.**



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